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TO: Independent Clinics Providing Partial Care Services

SUBJECT: Appropriate Billing for Partial Care Services

PURPOSE: This Newsletter is intended to assist providers in their understanding of the Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs' rules that must be followed when billing for partial care services provided to Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiaries.

NOTE: The information contained in this Newsletter is designed to reinforce the Division's rules as set forth in N.J.A.C. 10:49 and 10:66.

BACKGROUND: N.J.A.C. 10:66-2.5 outlines the regulatory requirements for the provision of mental health services in independent clinics. N.J.A.C. 10:66-2.5(d) reads as follows: "For purposes of partial care, full day means five or more hours of participation in active programming **exclusive** of meals; half day means at least three hours but less than five hours of participation in active programming **exclusive** of meals. Additional details are located at N.J.A.C. 10:66-6" (emphasis added).

ACTION: In accordance with existing regulations, in determining whether the time requirements have been met for a full or half day of partial care services, an independent clinic must exclude meal time, the time spent by the beneficiary in transport to and/or from the clinic, and any time that is not spent in active treatment.

Please note that a provider shall be subject to administrative action if it is determined that the provider is submitting claims for full or half days of partial care services that do not meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 10:66-2.5(d). Administrative action may include, but is not limited to, recovery of overpayments and suspension or permanent disqualification of the provider from the Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs. Criminal prosecution and other civil and administrative sanctions will also be pursued if fraudulent activity is confirmed.

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